

Camp Belger Baltimore Sept 11th / 02

Dear Father & Mother

At Thursday after-
noon and I find myself in camp
a little out of Baltimore in a piece
of woods. We ~~pitched our tent~~
left Norwich last Saturday on canal
boats we rode all night and
the next day till night when
we arrived at- Banghampton
we slept in the boats all night
and ~~the next~~ ~~on~~ Monday about
noon we got on board of the
cars for Elmira. We stopped there

there just long enough to change
cars this train took us ~~down~~
through to Baltimore.

We heard the ^{firing of} cannon from Fort
Mc Henry this morning they said it
was the reception of the ^{regt} 68th
the one that was fired upon
a year & a half ago. They are try-
ing to make up friends again.

~~I went~~ There was 9 regiments passed
through here the same day we came
There is between 40 & 50 thousand
troops in and about this city
and three gunboats lying off
the ~~harbor~~ wharf to protect
the city. Yesterday I went
over to the camp of the 116th
~~th~~ Mo. Regt - it is right in
sight of our camp in another
piece of woods. ~~The city~~
Last night as we were I was
spreading my blankets - to go to

bed we were aroused by two men
coming from the camp of the
116th with a message to the
~~adjutant~~ colonel that there
had been ~~fully~~ "fired upon" and
supposed that the rebels were
coming ^{sure} ~~sure~~. But it proved
to be a false alarm.

The alarm did not disturb me so
what I slept well enough
although it was "on the soft
side of a plank".

George & Jim Babcock have
just got back from the city
they went down to the see
Washingtons monument -
they said went up 280 ft.
they could see the gun boat
in the river and all of
the shippings and the
camp around the and
~~federal hill~~ Federal
Hill which commands

city. Tomorrow the captain
is going to ~~pass~~ ^{go} give
four of us down to see the
monuments - and I shall
go to Lt. Fort Mc Henry
of D. con. I have not
been sick yet - but I
don't know how soon
I will be. a great many
of the A boys have been
in the hospital. Healing
it ~~is~~ ^{has} been in ~~two~~ ^{three}
since we have been here.

~~I can't~~ I cannot write
any more for I have got
to go on guard soon.

Now must excuse this
scribbling because I am
~~in a great hurry~~ ^{in a great hurry} write soon
with much love to all

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